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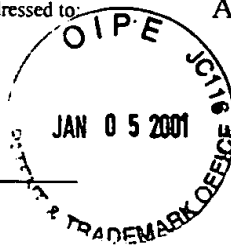
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Rubin et al.

Application No.: 09/010,377

Filed: January 21, 1998

For: Treatment of Viral Encephalitis by
Agents Blocking Alpha-VLA-4 Integrin
Function

Examiner: Philip Gambel

Art Unit: 1644

PETITION TO EXTEND TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants petition the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated July 31, 2000 for 2 months, from October 31, 2000 to December 31, 2000. An appropriate response in the form of an Amendment is enclosed herewith.

Please charge the fee of \$390.00 to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the above deposit account.

This petition is submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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